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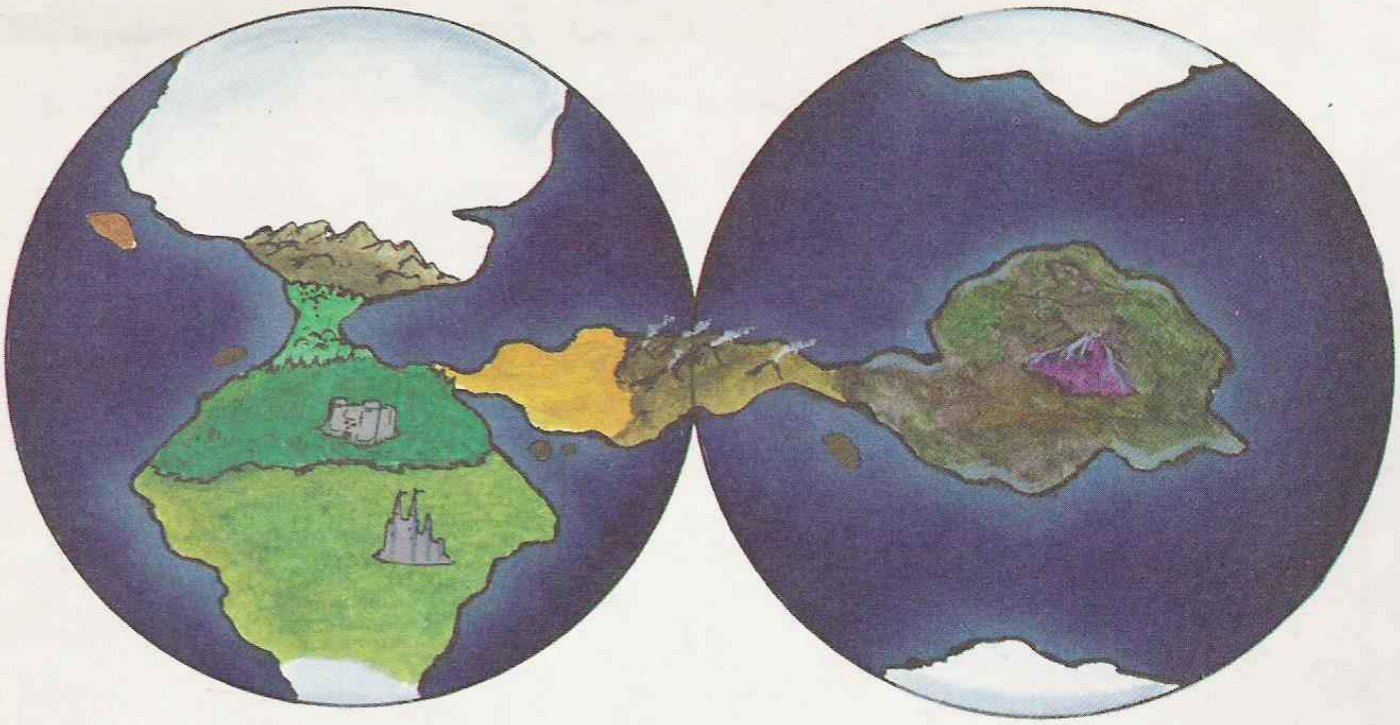


Once Upon A Time...

...A rocket from Earth crashed far, far away. The pilot found herself lost on the planet Eternia.

Eternia looked like Earth. But magic and strange beasts and wonderful machines filled this world.

The Earth woman Marlena married Eternia's King Randor. They had a son, Prince Adam. The Prince grew up in the palace, but the secret of his destiny was locked inside Castle Grayskull along with the ancient secrets of Eternia.

The guardian of Castle Grayskull was Sorceress. She kept watch over Eternia, flying as the falcon Zoar, and used her mystical powers to defend the side of goodness.

It was Sorceress who told Prince Adam his destiny and gave him the Power Sword. With it, he became He-Man, the most

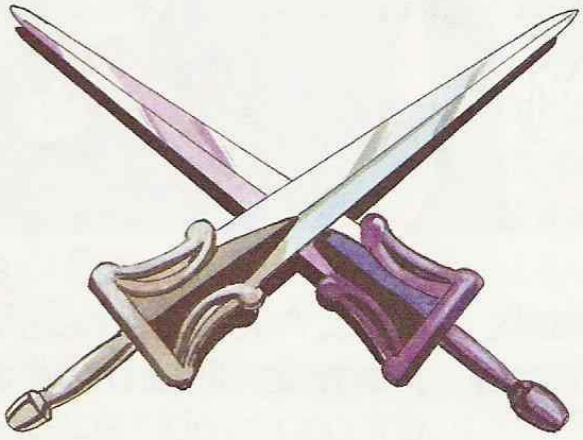
powerful man in the universe and the protector of Castle Grayskull. Prince Adam's pet tiger Cringer turned into the mighty Battle Cat, He-Man's faithful companion.

Only Orko, the court magician, and Man-at-Arms, He-Man's best friend, knew this secret. Even Prince Adam's parents and Teela, captain of the guard, saw him only as the prince of Eternia. Prince Adam kept his secret because danger lived on Eternia.

On one side of the planet, the sun never shined. There, inside Snake Mountain, the wicked Skeletor planned new ways to find

out Castle Grayskull's secrets. And still others with bad intentions waited on other worlds, ready to disturb Eternia's peaceful way of life.

Against them all stood only He-Man and the Masters of the Universe!



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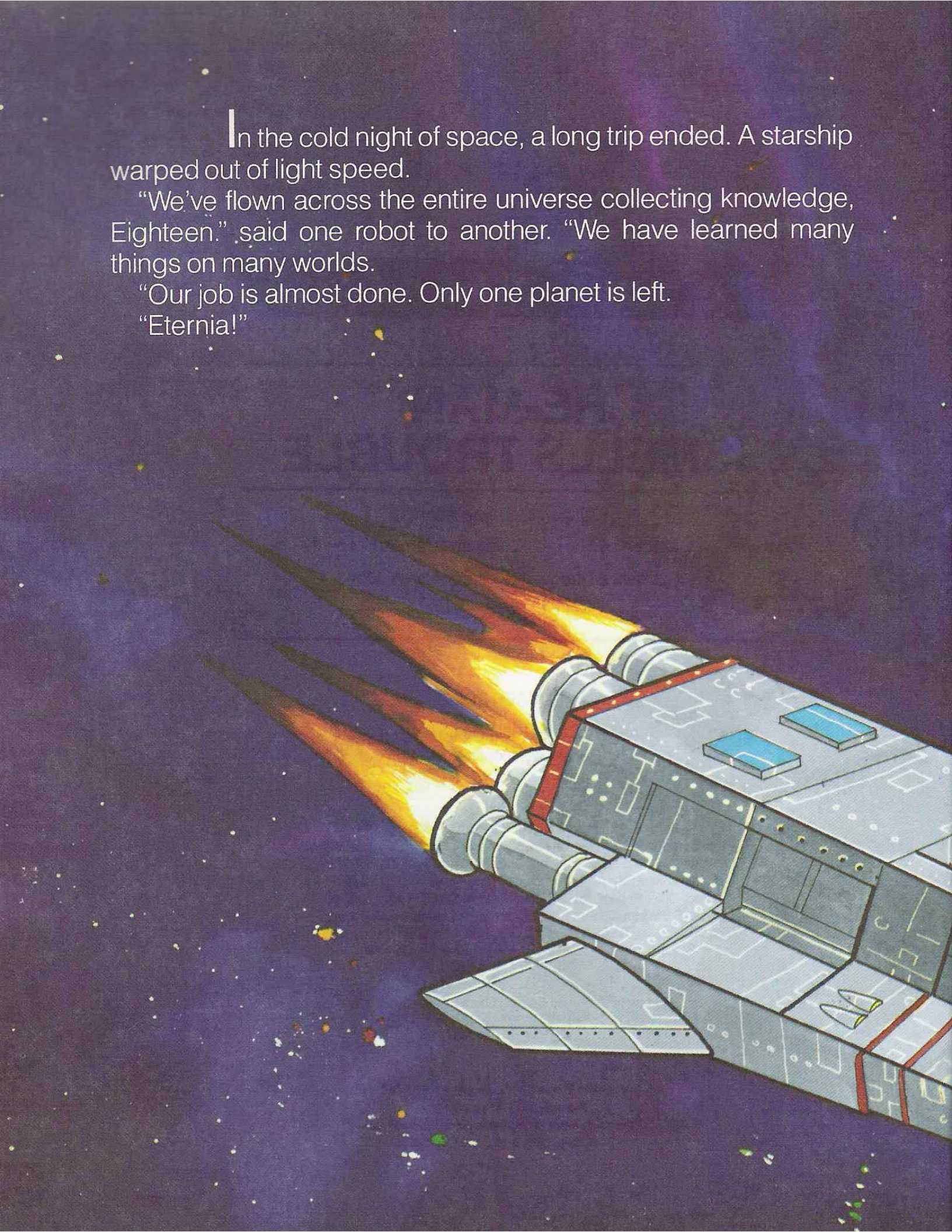
In the cold night of space, a long trip ended. A starship warped out of light speed.

"We've flown across the entire universe collecting knowledge, Eighteen." said one robot to another. "We have learned many things on many worlds.

"Our job is almost done. Only one planet is left.

"Eternia!"

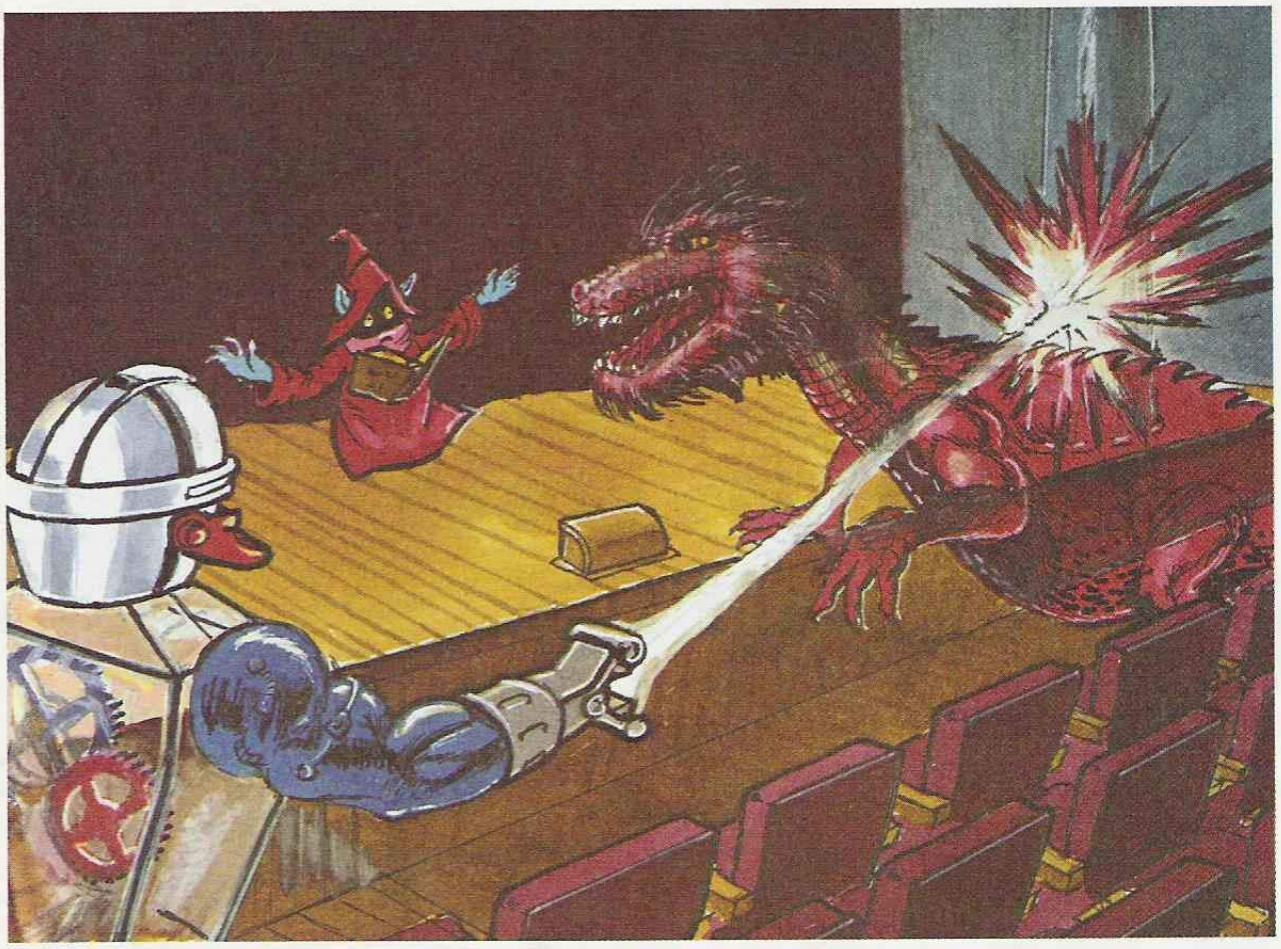


Meanwhile back on Eternia...

"The King will love this trick," Orko said as he practiced for the palace show to be held that night. His hands wave wildly. But nothing happened. Instead, Orko's spell book snapped shut on his head.

"Ouch," Orko yelled. "I need new magic words. They are in this book somewhere."

He waved his hands again. This time a fierce animal appeared on the stage.



Roboto was nearby. He had work to do.

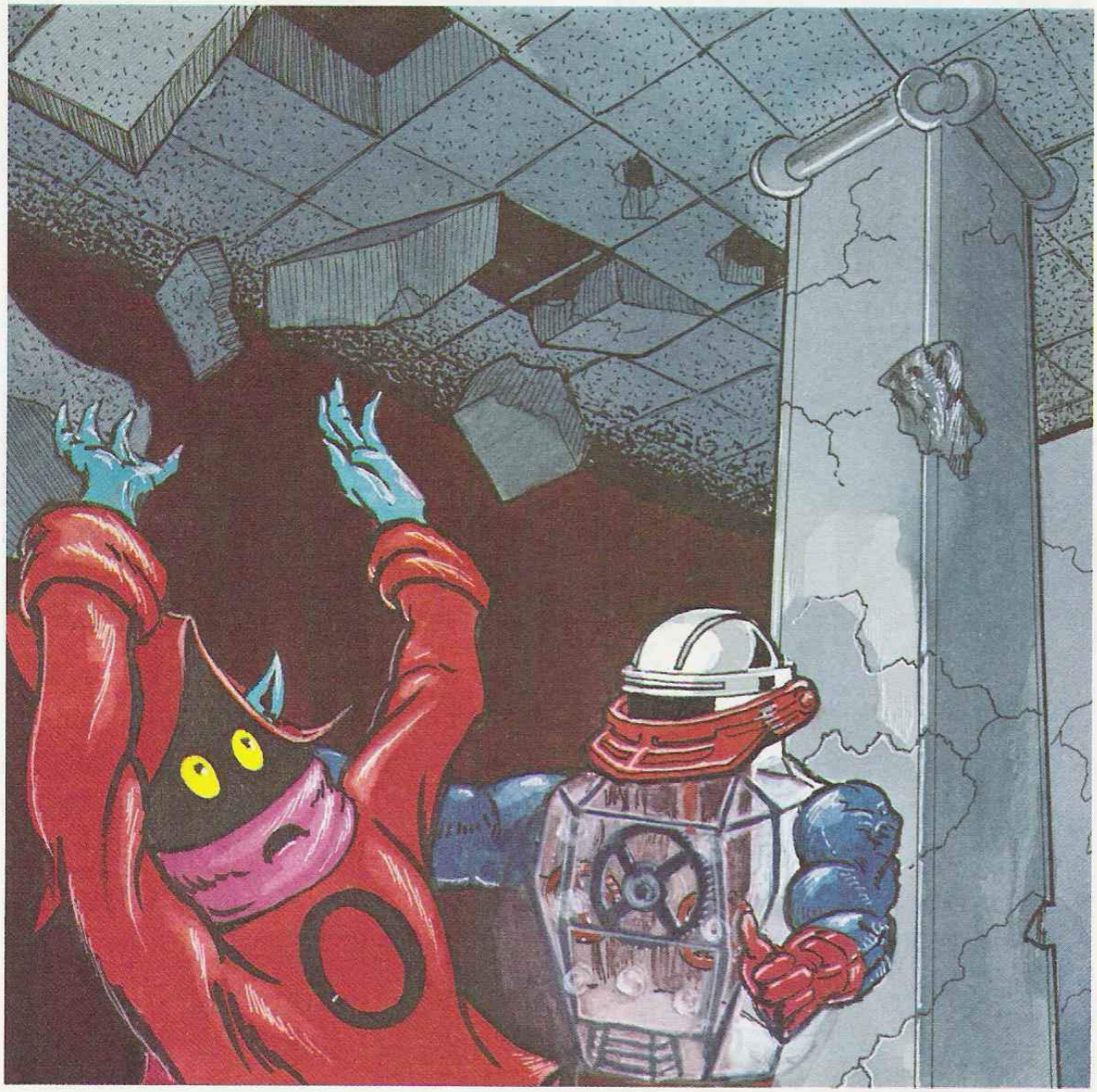
"Prince Adam asked me to fix the lights over the stage," Roboto said. "My computer is very smart. But it doesn't know why these shows are so important to humans.

"Orko! What's the matter? My sensors show you need help. Do not worry. That animal won't like my built-in blaster."

Roboto's rays went right through the animal. With a loud boom, they hit the stage instead!

"Stop firing!" Orko said. "The animal is not really there! It's just magic! You will blow up the stage!"

It was too late. The stage roof fell on top of Orko. Roboto rushed to save him. But both were covered with stone.



In the workshop, Prince Adam helped Man-at-Arms fix Dragon Walker. They heard the loud noise from the stage.

"That sounds bad," Prince Adam said.

"We need He-Man's help."

He reached for his Power Sword.

"By the power of Grayskull," he said.

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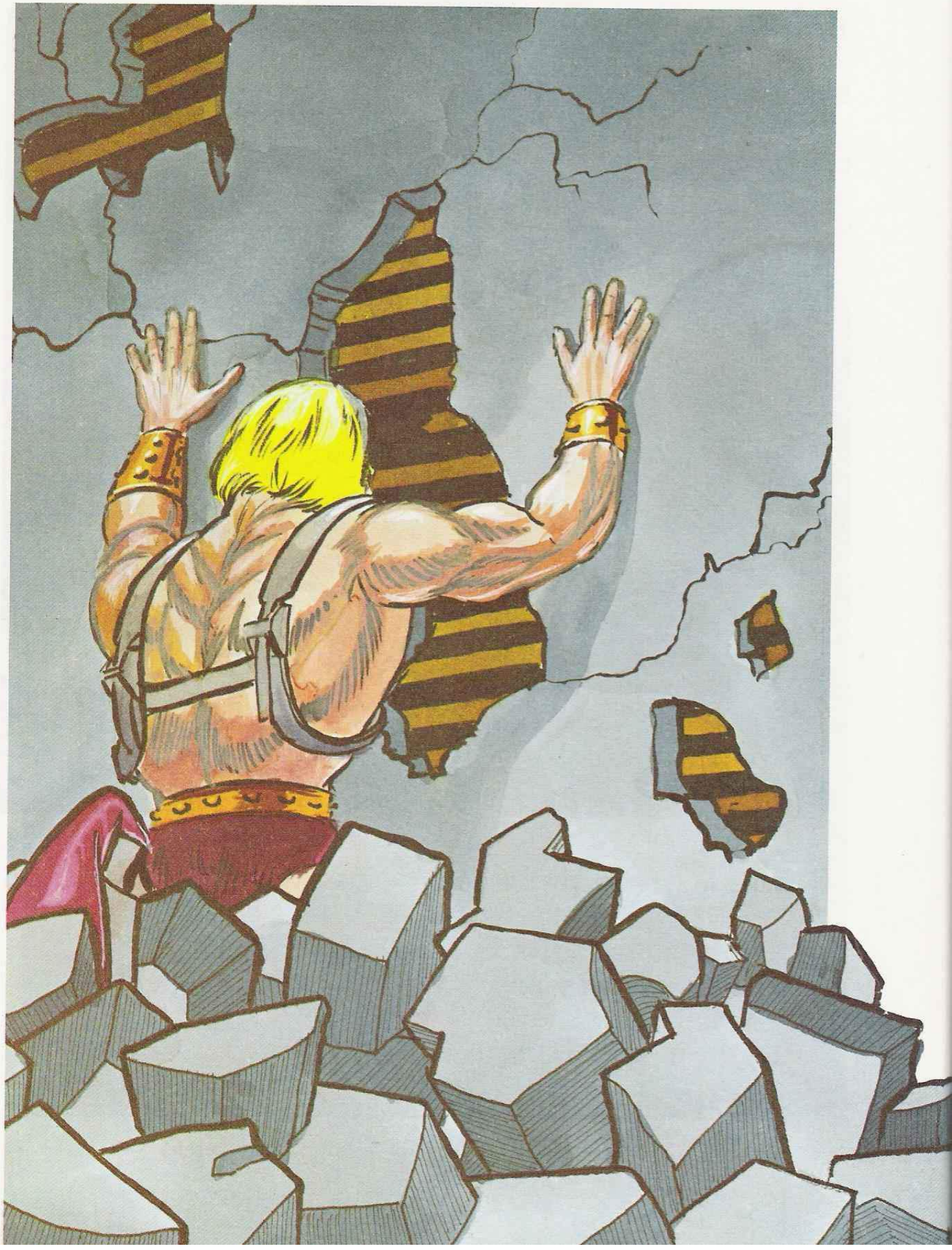


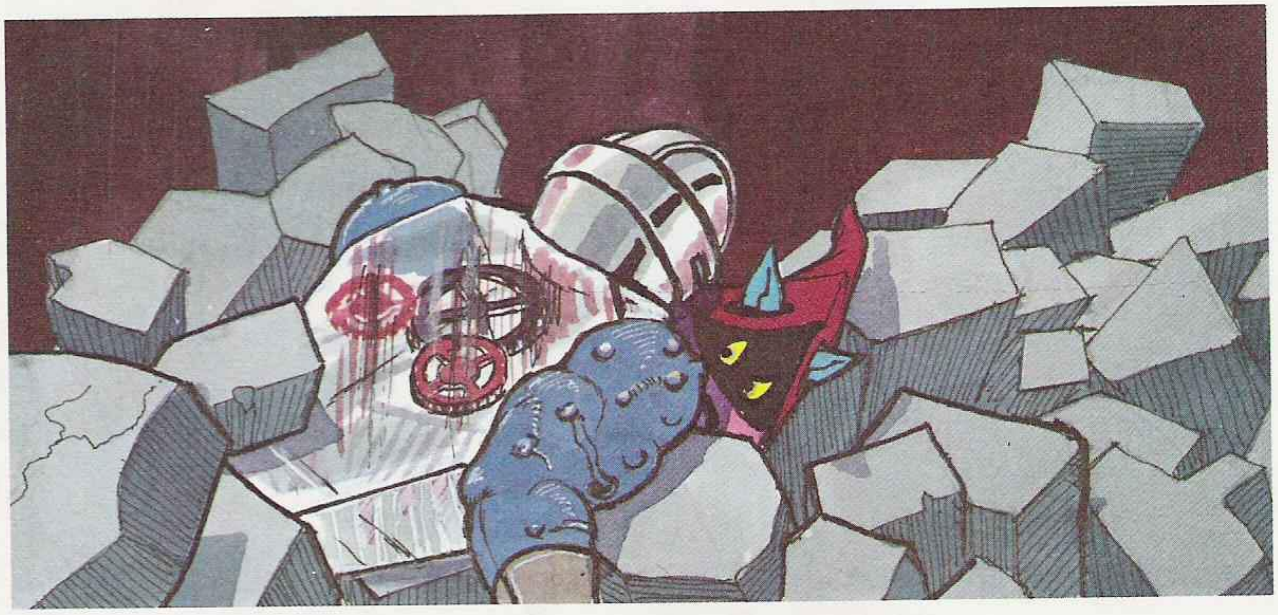
He-Man raced to the stage, ahead of Man-at-Arms.

"I must stop that wall from falling!" he said. He-Man held up the wall with his strong body.

"That's Orko's hat!" Man-at-Arms said.

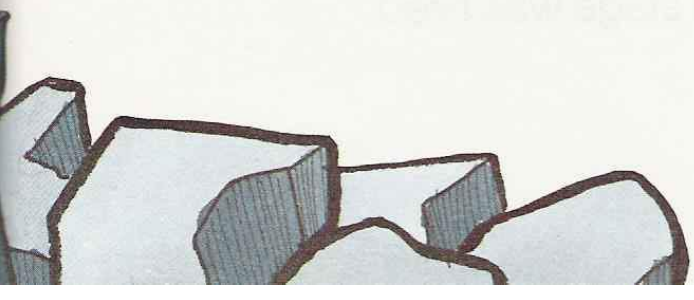
"Hold on, little fellow," He-Man said. **"I'll save you!"**

He-Man ripped through the pile of stones. At the bottom he found Roboto covering Orko from harm.



"Let me go, Roboto!" Orko yelled. "Oh no! My best spell book! It's ruined!"

"I am most sorry," Roboto said. "But my computer does not understand magic."

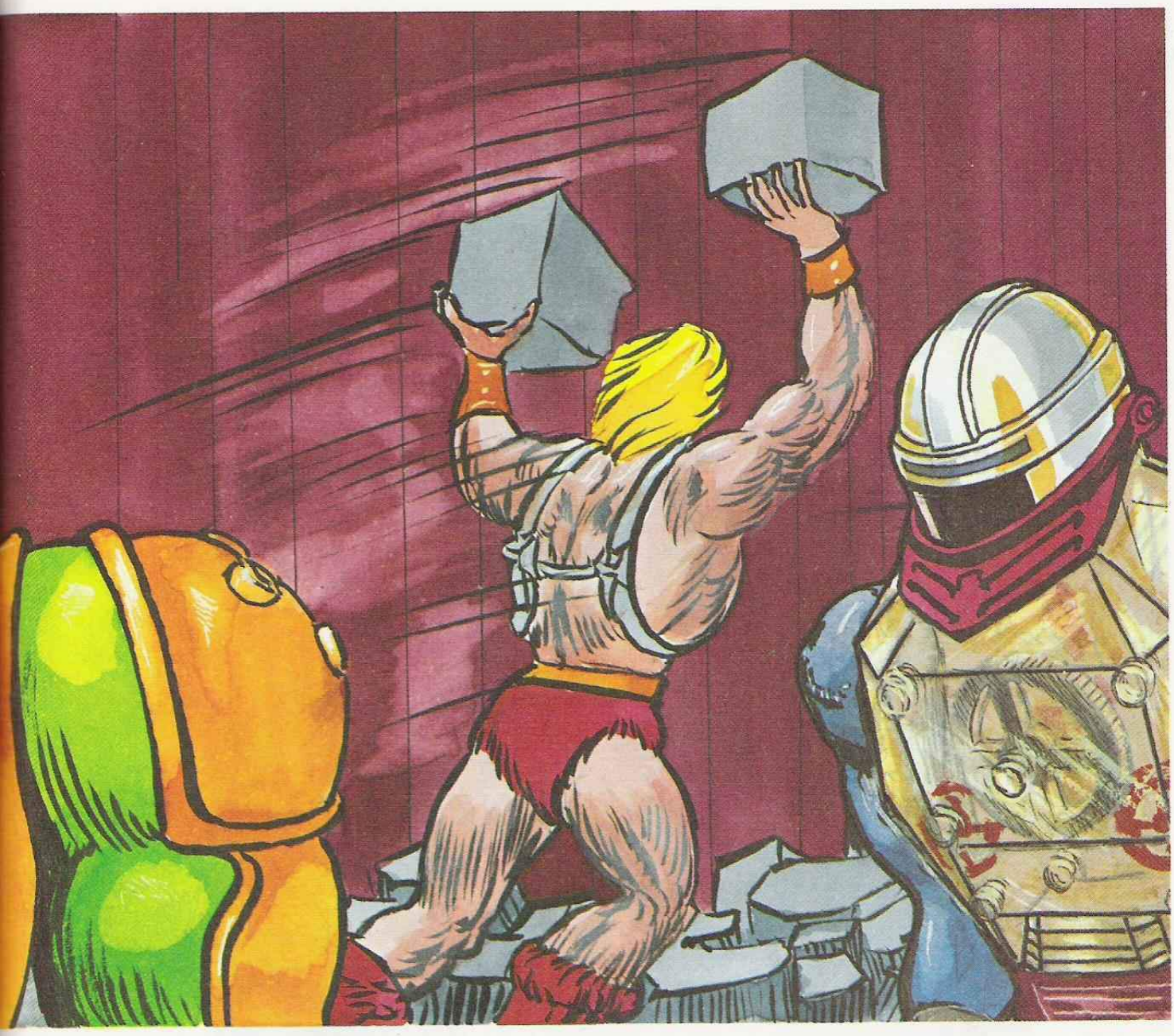


"Your magic was too good that time," Man-at-Arms told Orko.

"We don't need a spell to clean this room, do we, Roboto?" He-Man said.

"The show must go on!"

Roboto and He-Man rushed to work. They moved the stones with great speed. In a few minutes, the stage was fixed.



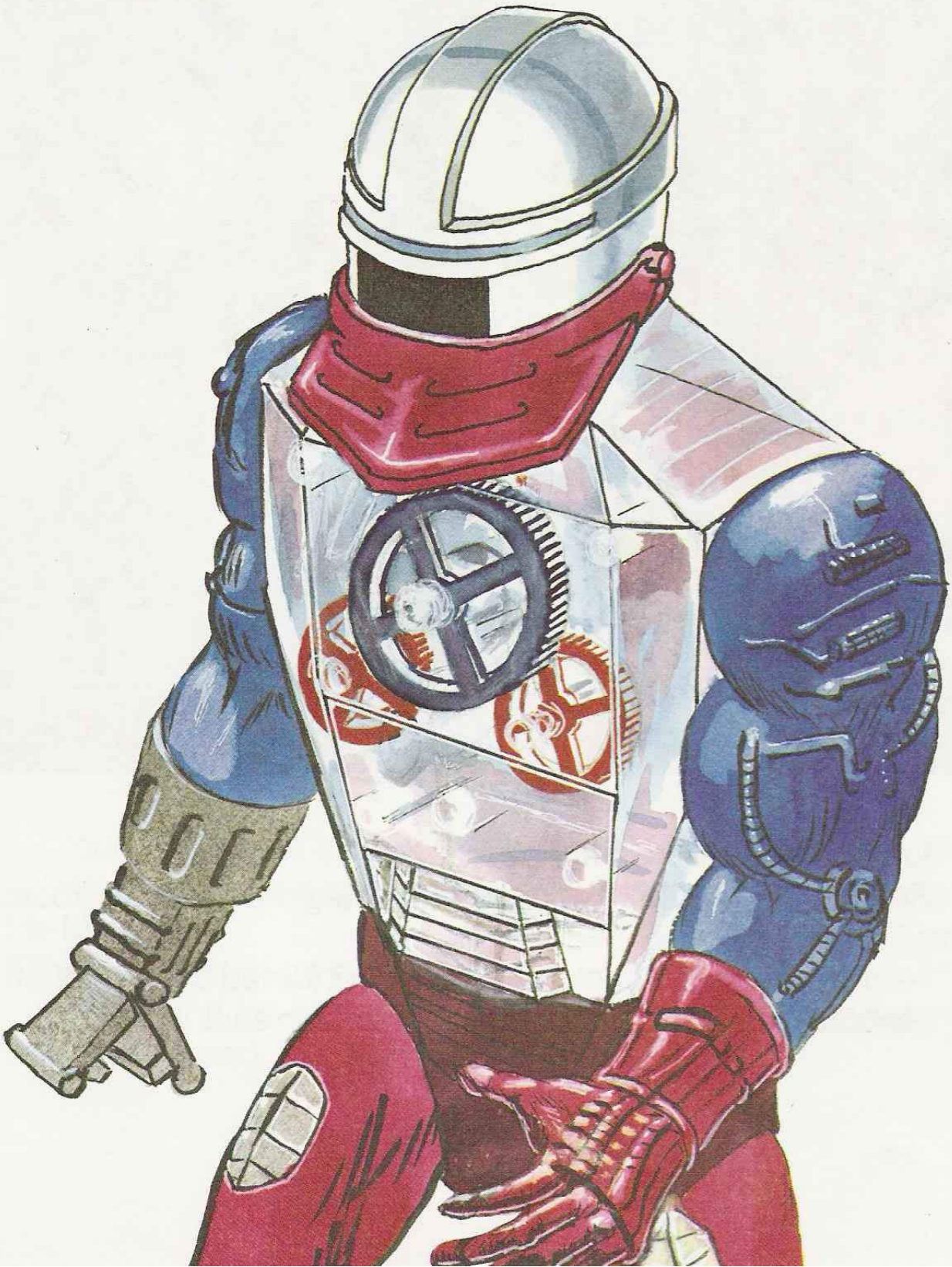
But Orko was still mad at Roboto.

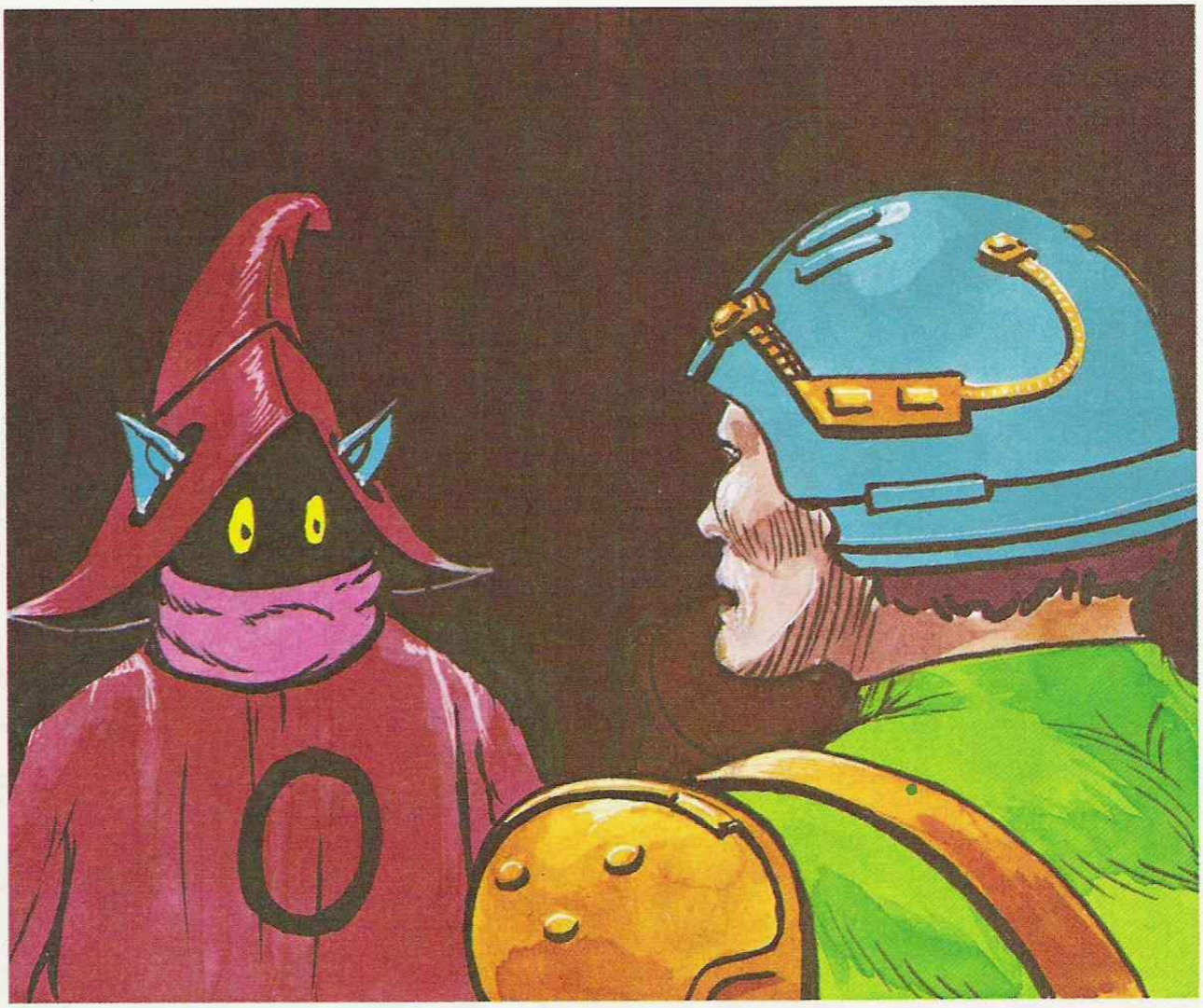
"Robots!" Orko said. "We need more magic and fewer robots. They're just not like us."

"I-am-most-sorry," Roboto said. The robot turned and slowly left.

"Roboto was only trying to help," He-Man said.

"Roboto saved your life," He-Man continued.
"He could have been badly hurt, Orko."
"I think you hurt Roboto's feelings," Man-at-Arms said.





"Gee, I'm sorry," Orko said. "But I didn't know that robots had feelings. I thought they were different from us."

"Warrior robots like Roboto have more than a computer," Man-at-Arms said. "When I make them, I give them feelings, too. It helps us humans.

"Roboto is very strong. But words can hurt him, too."

"I think Prince Adam should find Roboto," He-Man said. **"Maybe he can cheer him up."**

Meanwhile, Skeletor had a much different problem.

"Get out!" he shouted.

"I never want to smell you again!"

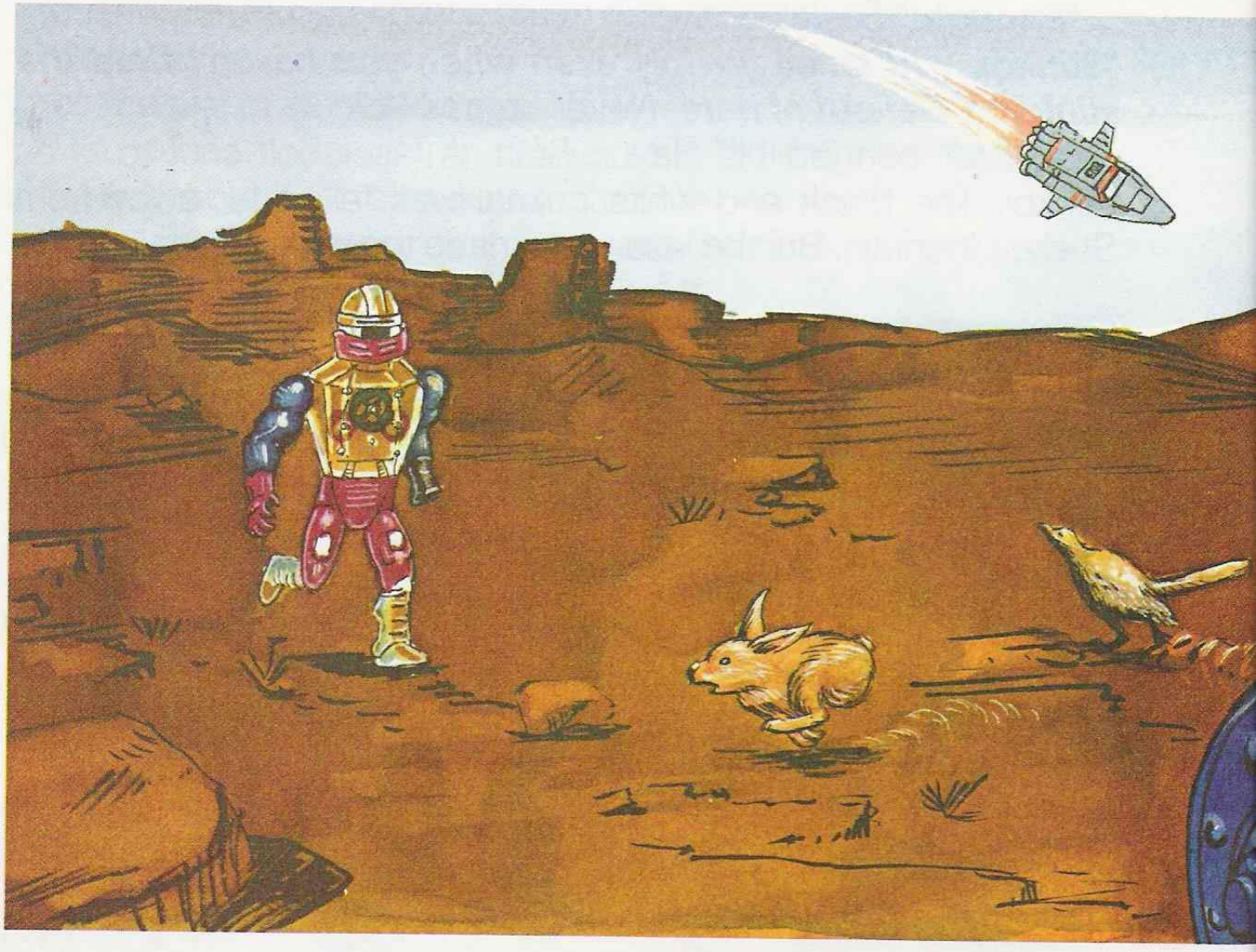
"But I don't smell anything," Stinkor said. "I didn't mean to fire my stink-ray. Kobra Khan's snakes scared me."

Skeletor's men used their weapons against the smell. But nothing worked!

"Enough!" Skeletor cried.

"Stinkor, you smell terribly even when you haven't fired the stink-ray. Get out of here! Never come back!"

Skeletor banged his Havoc Staff. A laser bolt shot towards Stinkor. The black and white animal was taken far away from Snake Mountain. But the laser only made the smell worse!



"Someday, I'll show them," Stinkor said. "They will love my smell–or else!"

Stinkor walked far across the Sands of Time. Animals avoided him. But when he neared an old volcano, he was not alone.

"The alarm has sounded, Eighteen," a cold voice said. "The intruder must not go into the Home. Stop him!"

Not far away, Roboto continued his lonely walk. The robot was very unhappy.

In front of him, a starship roared across the sky. It chased a funny-looking animal. A bright ray trapped the animal and the ship landed.

Roboto was surprised when robots got out of the ship.

"They may be robots," Roboto said. "But that animal needs some help."

"Do not hurt him!" he shouted.

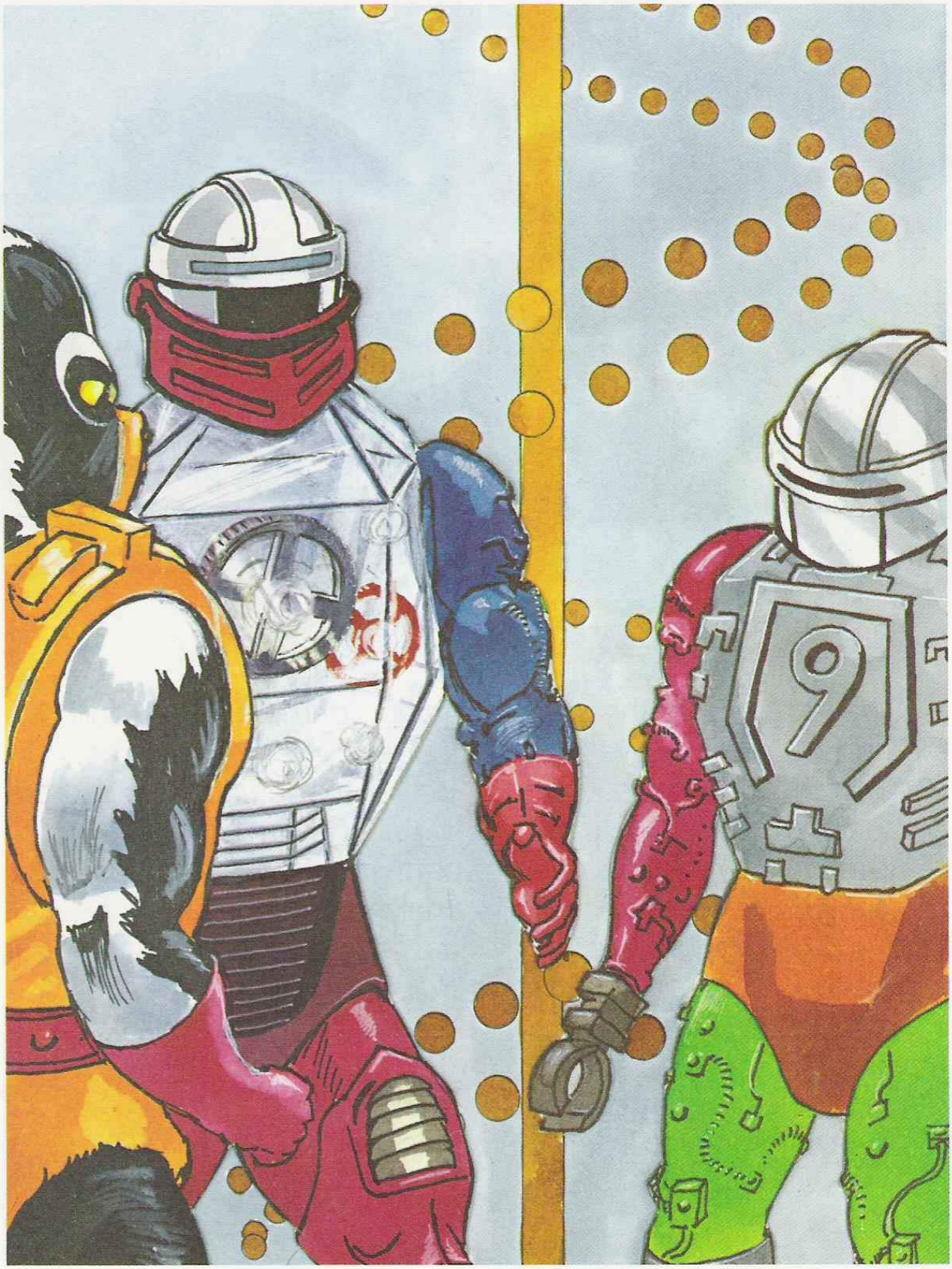
Roboto got ready for trouble. But the robots turned to him and bowed. One with "nine" written on his chest spoke.

"We have returned Home," it said. "Now, we will take you with us, leader."

A beam of light took the robots, with Roboto and Stinkor, into the ship. They flew over the volcano. Slowly the ship dropped down into the dark.

They landed with a soft bump. The robots led Stinkor and Roboto to a large spiral.

"Once, long, long ago, the ones who made us ruled Eternia," Nine said.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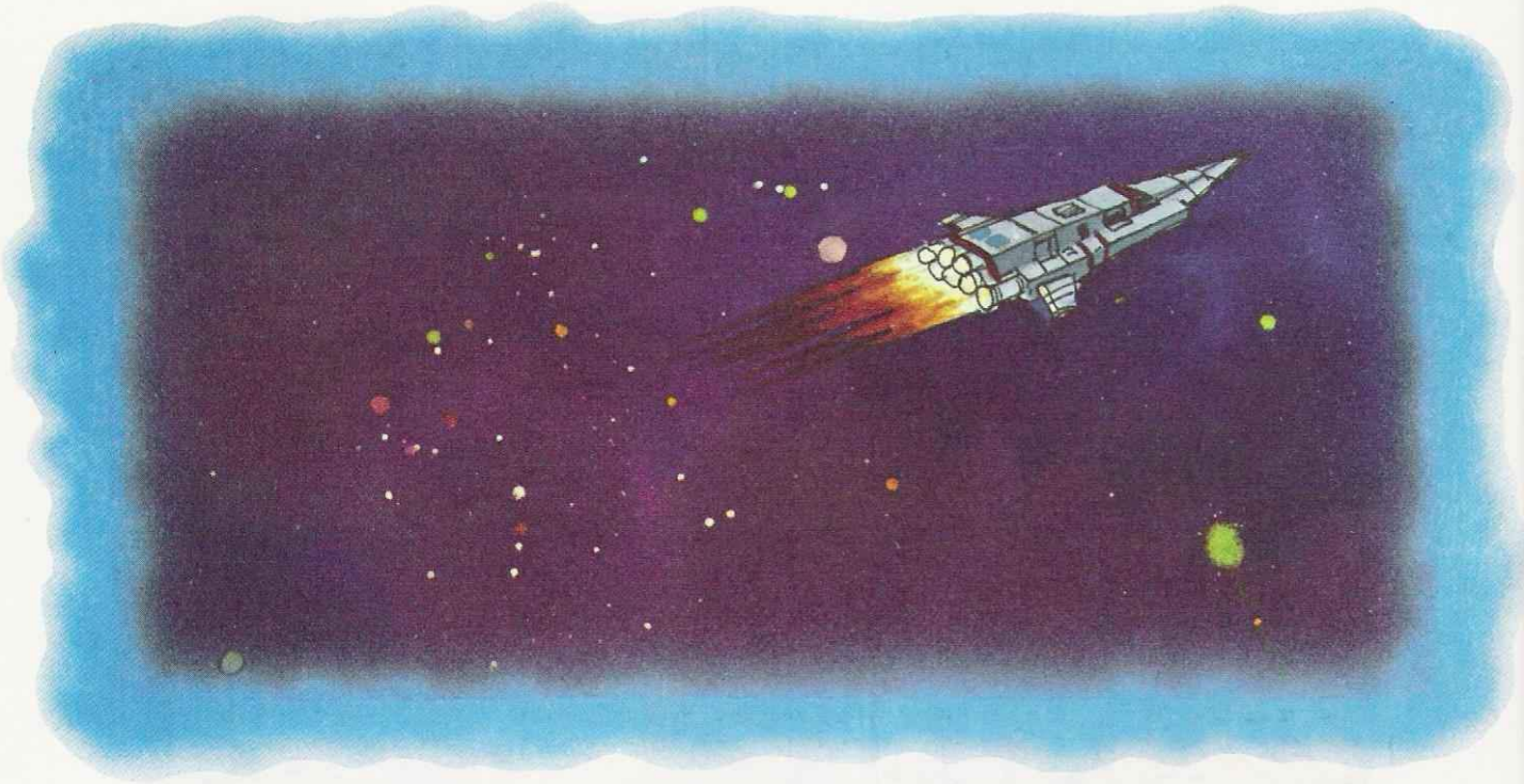


"They sent us to the stars to gather learning. They built this Home, so all could have the knowledge.

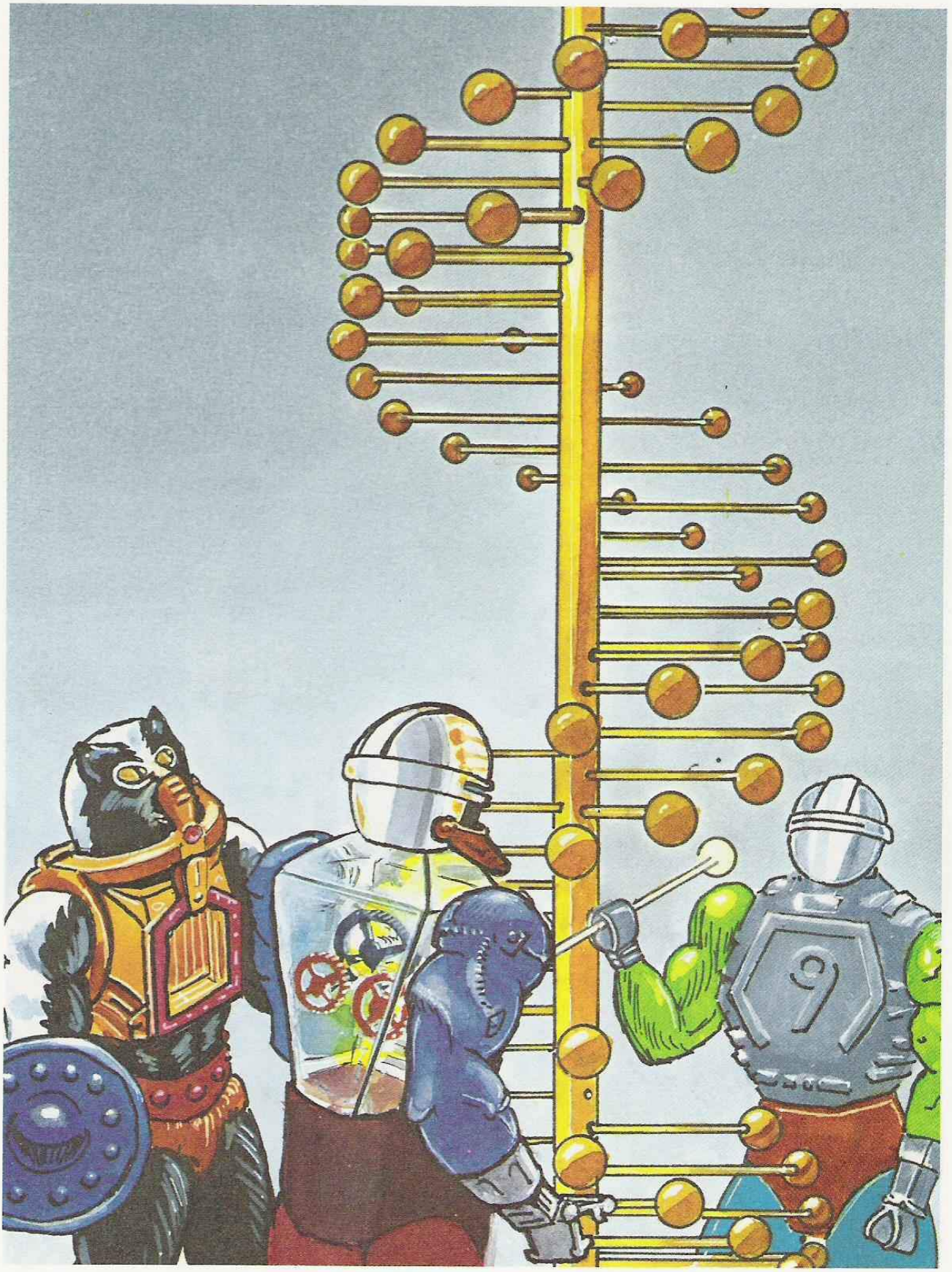
"Now they are gone. But their power made you, too. You are our leader."

Roboto knew the robots were partly right. Man-at-Arms knew many of Eternia's lost secrets, like making robots.

"But I can't be your leader," Roboto said. "They don't want me at the palace. They think I'm different."

Nine did not listen. Instead, he showed Roboto a white rod. It looked like part of the spiral.

"We carried the key to the power spiral with us," Nine said. "Now it is time to return it to its proper place."



Nine placed the rod into the spiral. A slow hum shook the ground. The spiral began to shine. The light spread, showing a complete city.

"The knowledge is now stored in the spiral, leader," Nine said.

"What should we do with this black and white animal, leader?" Eighteen asked.

"Our sensors say it has a bad smell. Should we send it away?"

Stinkor quickly took Roboto aside.

"Roboto, I'm your friend," Stinkor said. "We are a lot alike. People don't like us because we are different. But these robots think you are the king. We could run this whole city together."

"Do not harm Stinkor," Roboto told the robots. "He is my friend."

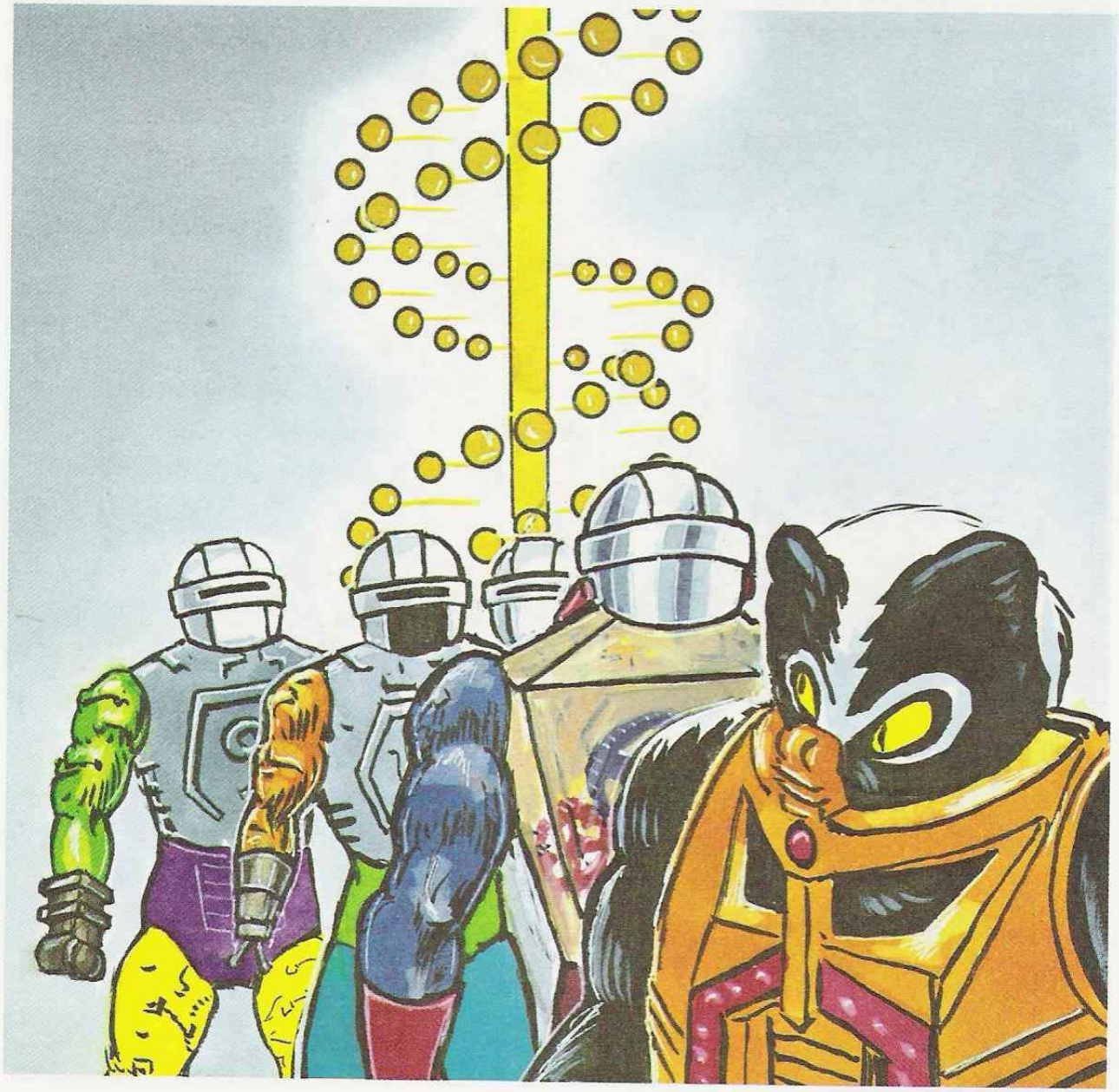
But Stinkor had other ideas.

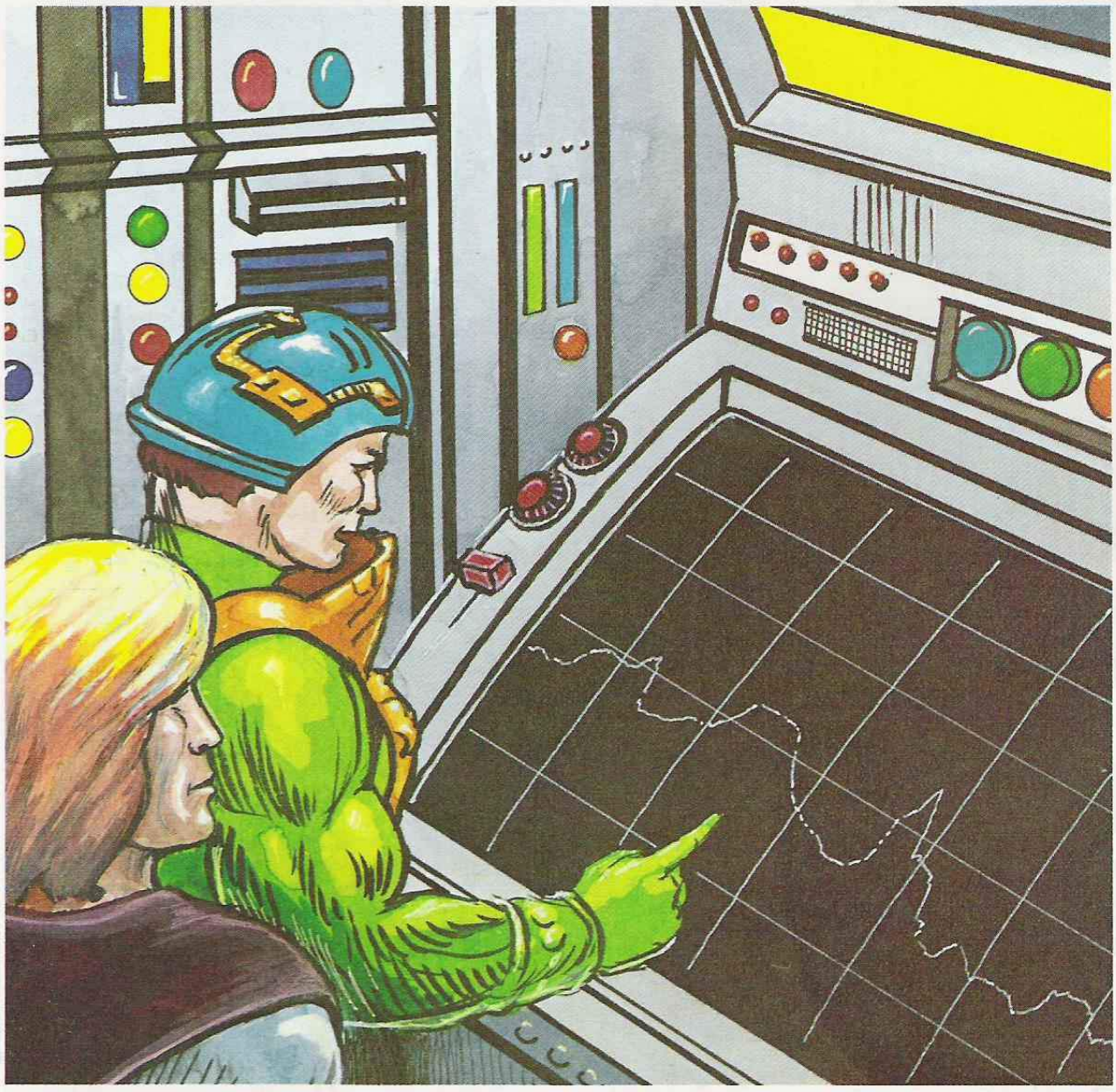
"Roboto will fall for anything," he thought. "Once he's out of the way, these robots will follow my orders.

"Then Skeletor will listen to me. I'll make him love my smell!"

"Where is Roboto?" Prince Adam asked Man-at-Arms.

"I found tracks going to the Sands of Time. But the wind blew them away."





"I'll need some help," Prince Adam continued. **"Tell Sy-Klone that He-Man is taking Dragon Walker to the Sands of Time."**

"The Sands of Time?" Man-at-Arms said. "Our sensors made some funny readings there. That old volcano out there could give us some trouble."

"Don't worry, He-Man will see if it's ready to blow its top," Prince Adam said.

Prince Adam pulled out his Power Sword.

"By the power of Grayskull.

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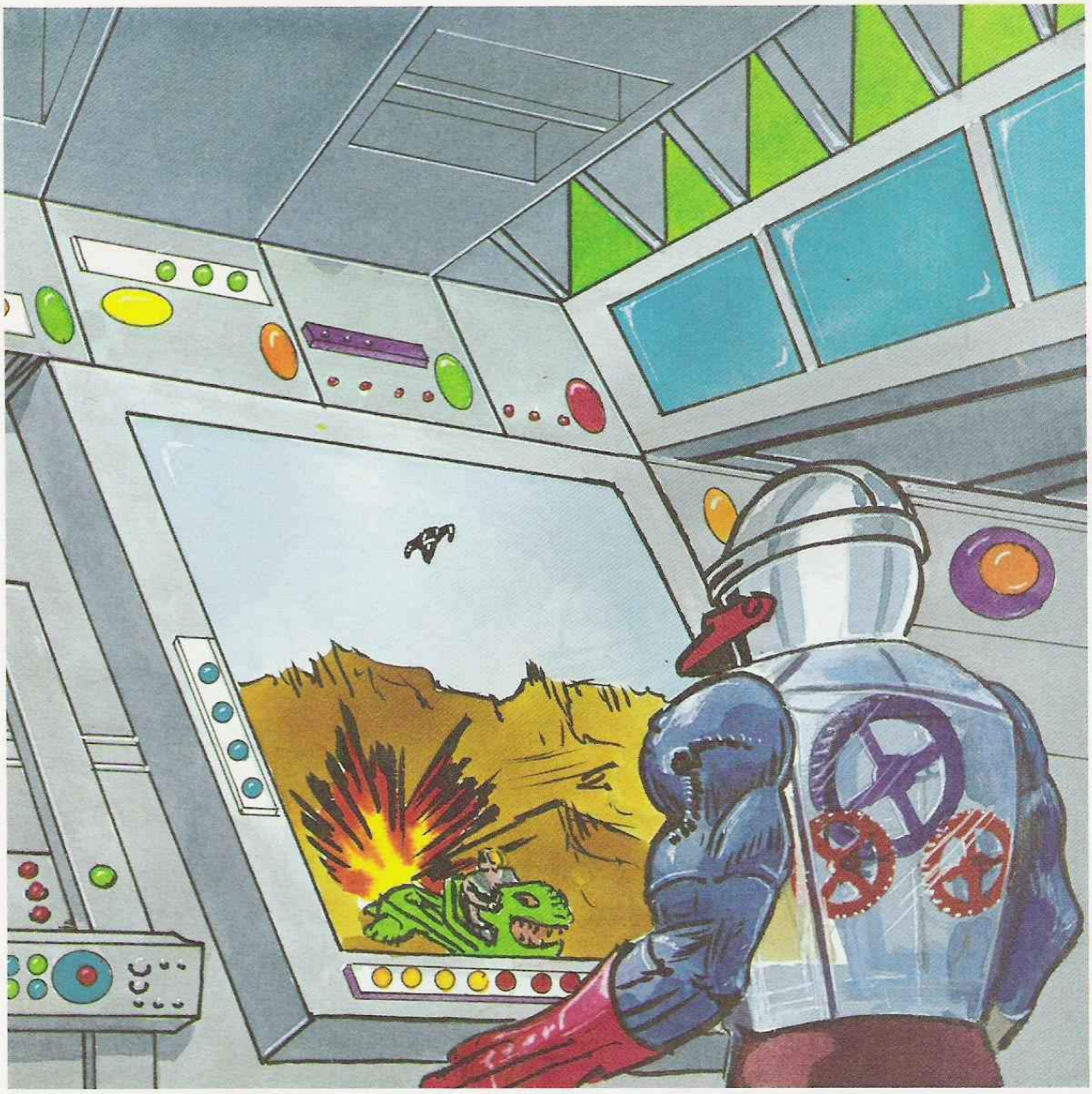


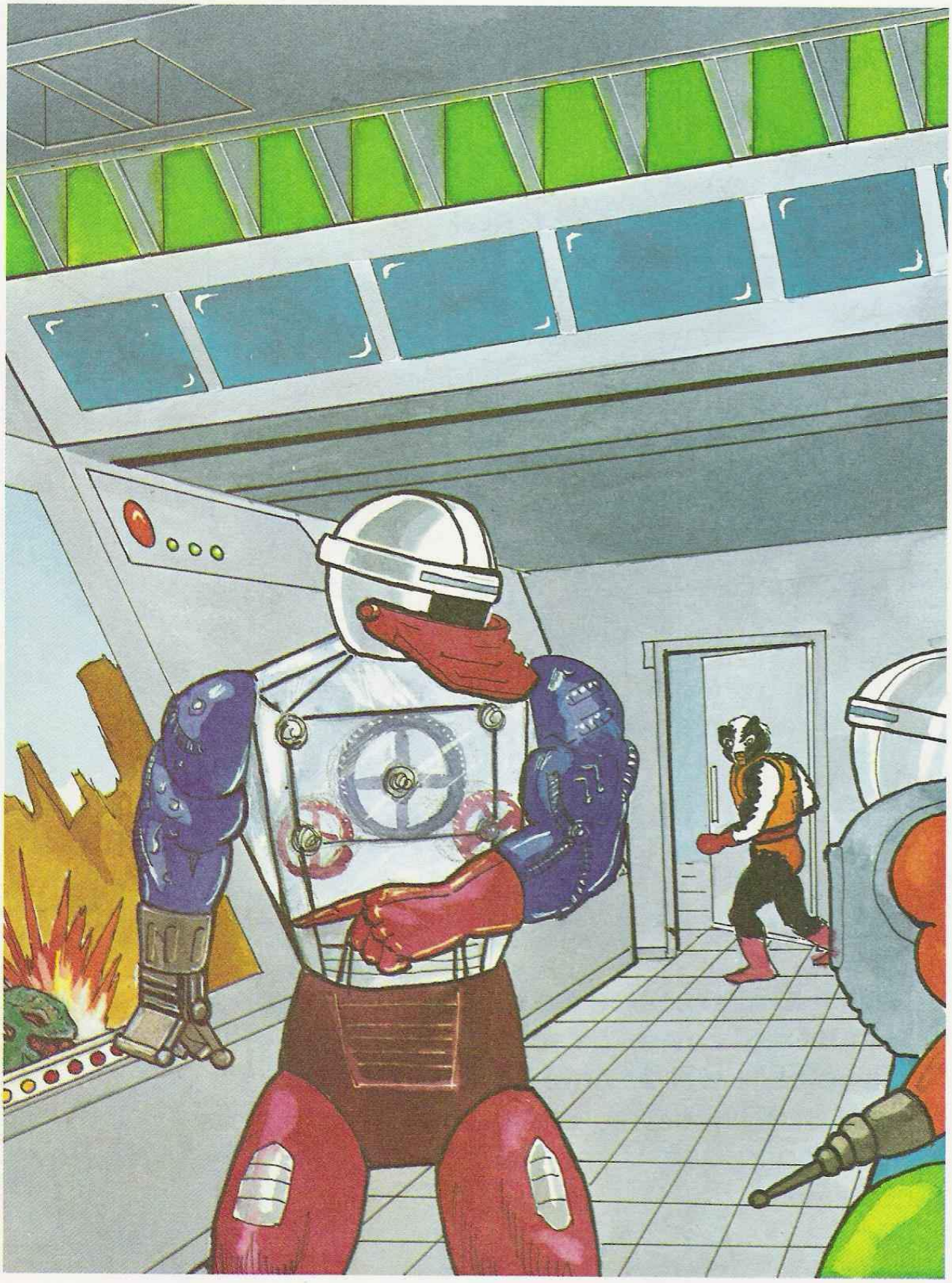
When He-Man neared the volcano, a ship fired at him.

"I must find cover," he said.

"This volcano will do until Sy-Klone gets here."

He-Man headed Dragon Walker up the steep cliff.

"A stranger nears Home," Nine told Roboto. "We will have to send him away."



"Stop firing!" Roboto cried. "That is my friend, He-Man."

"As you wish, leader," Nine said.

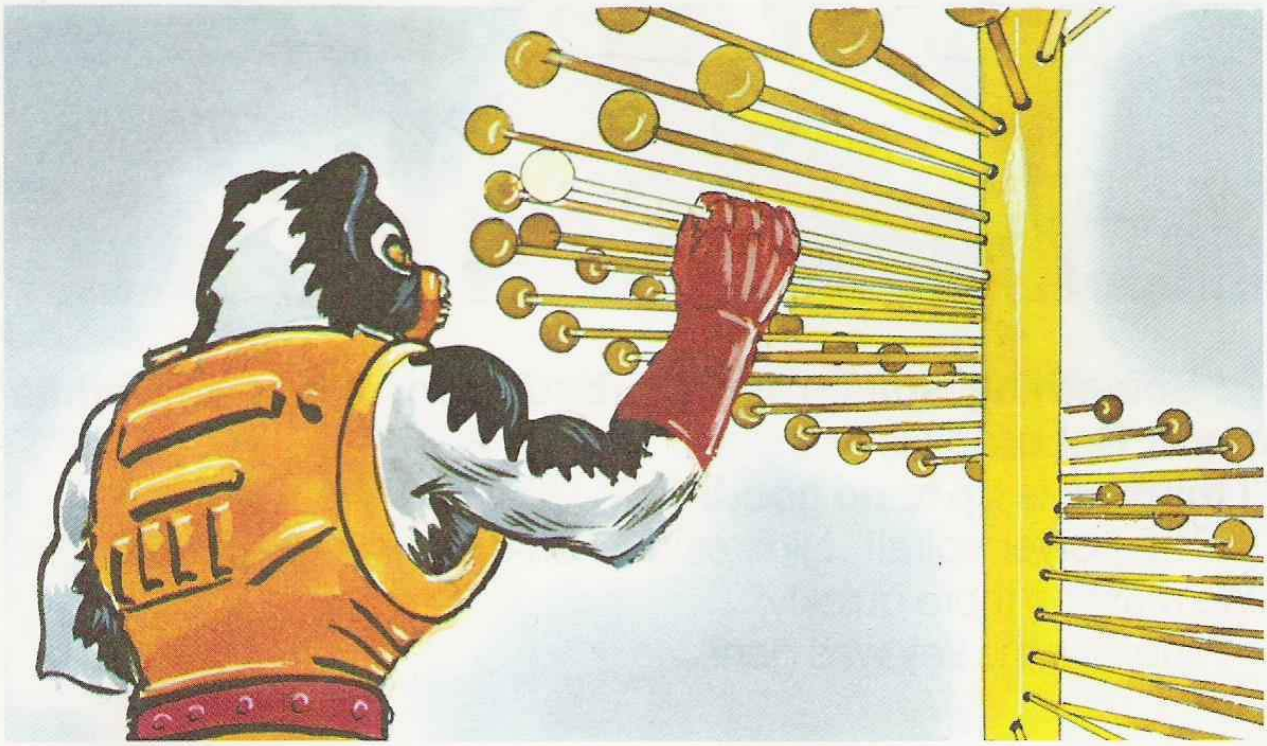
Roboto didn't see Stinkor run to hide in the corner.

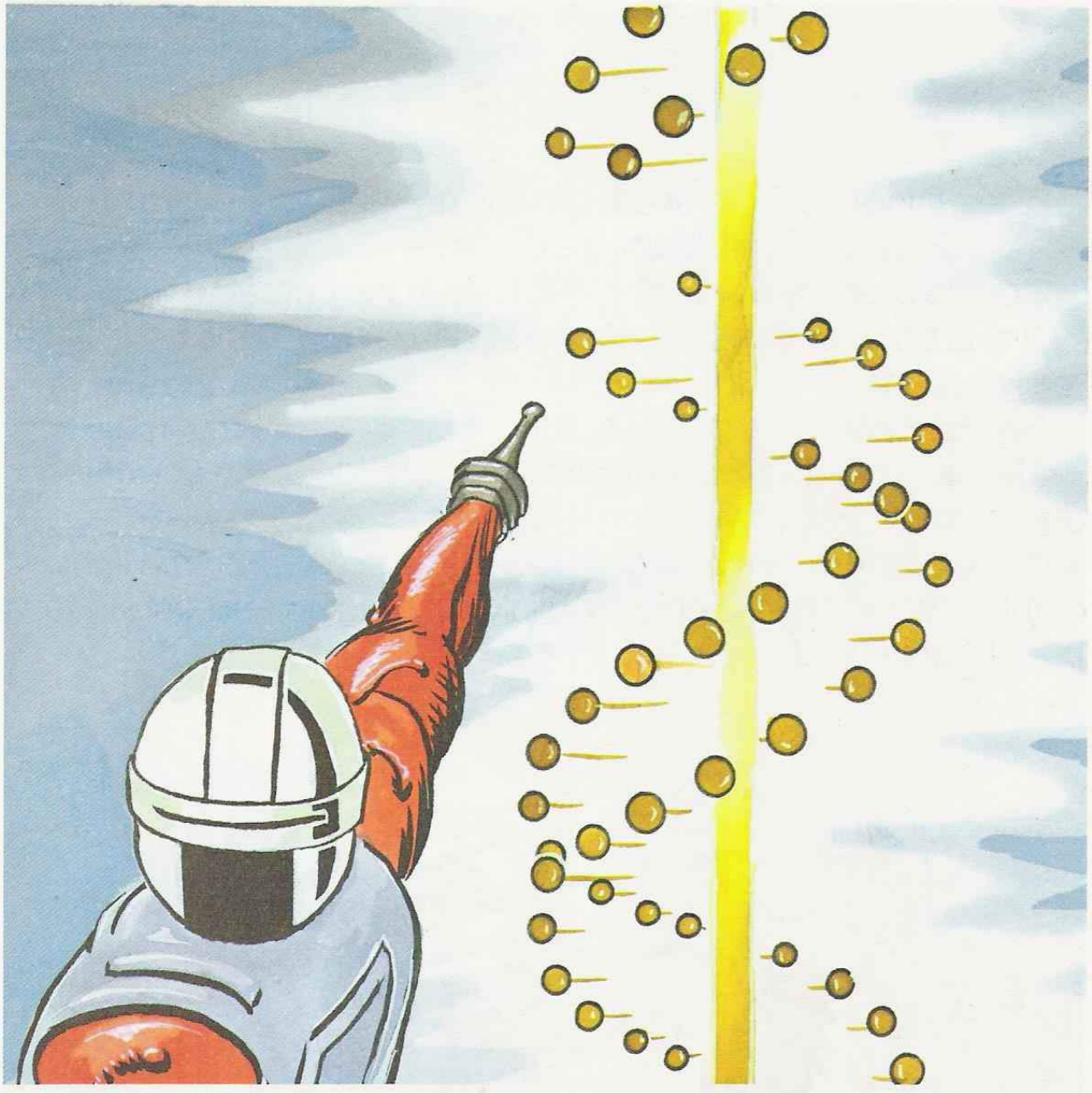
"I'm in trouble," Stinkor thought. "If He-Man sees me here, I'm really done for."

Stinkor went to the power spiral.

"This key will give Skeletor all the knowledge of the universe," Stinkor said. "But only if I give it to him."

Stinkor took the key and ran away from the volcano. The lights of the city went off. Then they blinked on again and began to burn brighter and brighter.

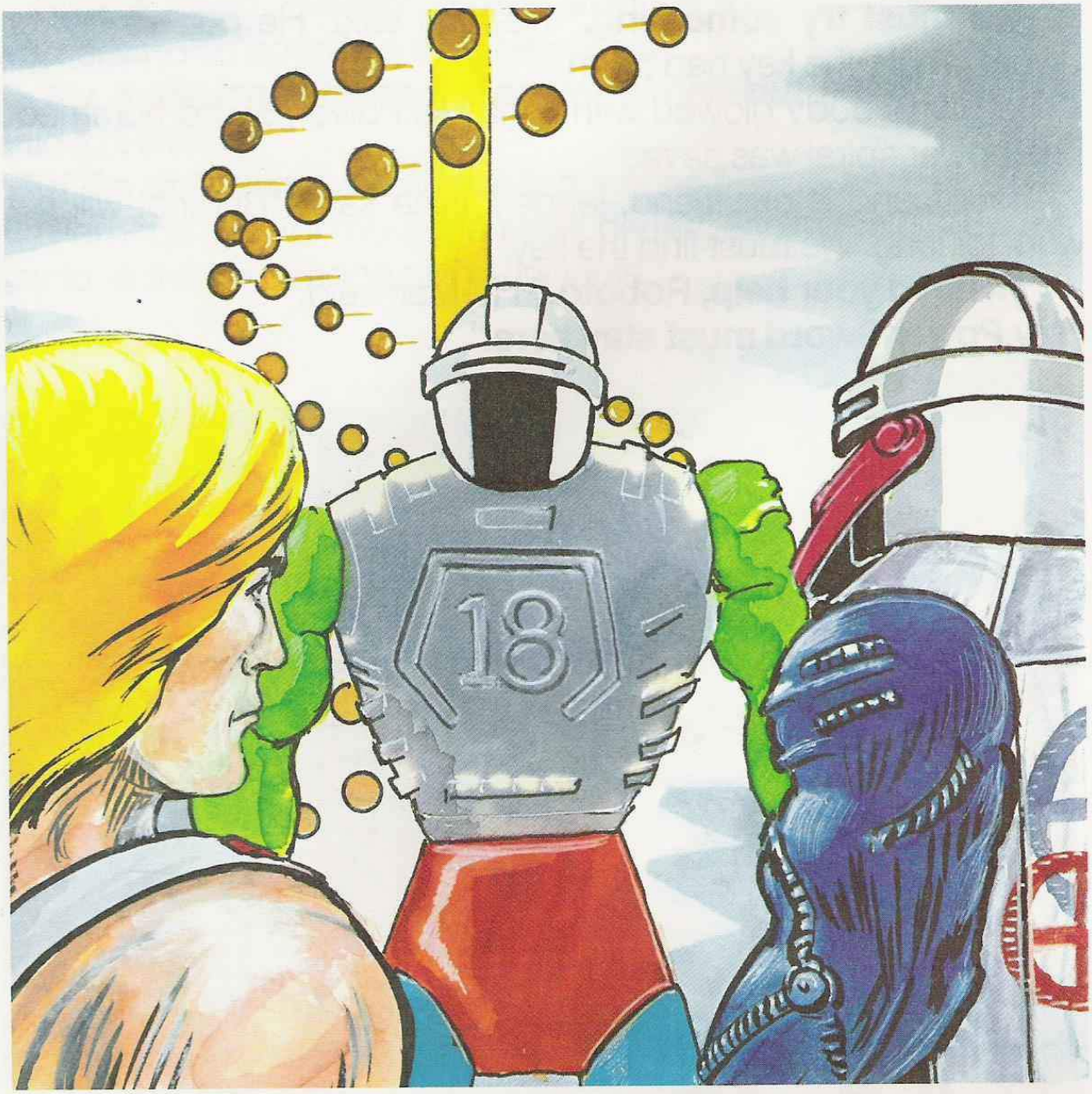




"Something smells funny about your black and white friend, Roboto," He-Man said.
"I think he is up to no good."

"The power spiral!" Nine said when the lights grew too bright. "We must go there quickly."

Nine saw the key was gone.



"We are doomed!" the robot said. "Without the key, the spiral will overheat. We will all blow up!"

"What can we do?" Roboto asked.

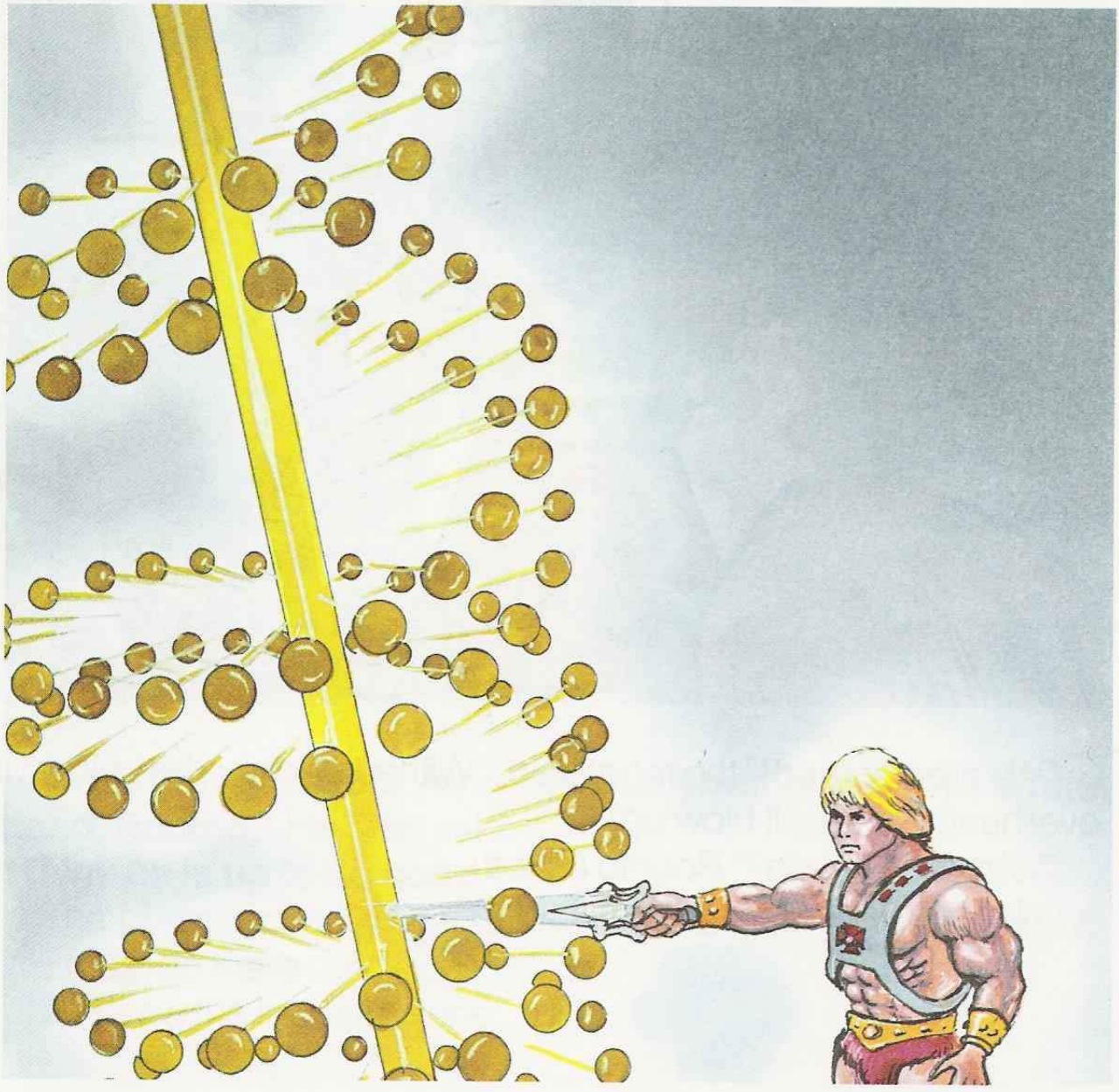
"Nothing, leader," Eighteen said.

"We must try something," He-Man said. He put his Power Sword where the key had been.

He-Man's body glowed with light. His Power Sword hummed. The power spiral was saved.

"Your friend is our friend, leader," Nine said. "But that will not work for long. We must find the key."

"I'll need your help, Roboto," He-Man said.
"My Power Sword must stay here."

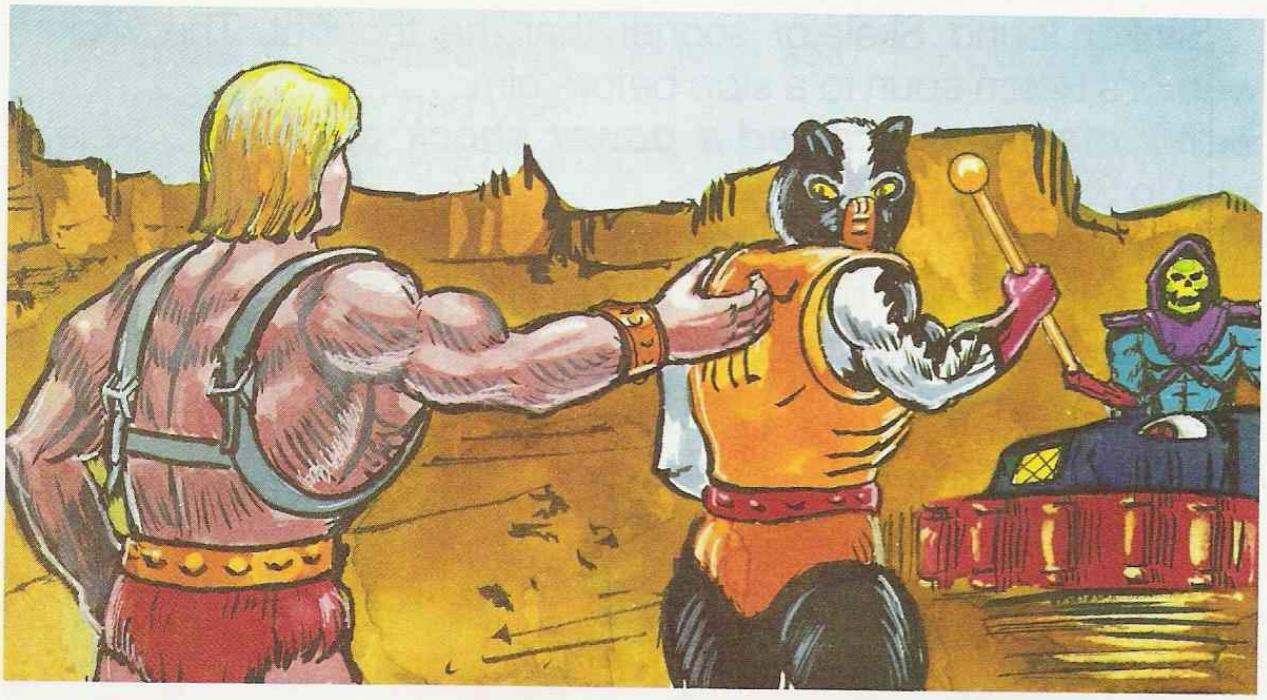


Stinkor found Skeletor sooner than he thought. The wicked warrior's Roton spun to a stop before him.

"My machines showed a power shock out here," Skeletor said to Stinkor.

"But the only thing you shock is my nose."

"Perhaps this will make me smell better," Stinkor said. "It is the key to all the knowledge of the universe."



Skeletor wanted the key badly. He didn't see Roboto and He-Man sneak up.

"You won't know anything, Stinkor, if you don't give me the key to the power spiral," He-Man said.

"Without it, the mountain will blow up!"

"It's a trick!" Skeletor shouted. He drove Roton right at He-Man.

He-Man stopped Roton with his hands.

"I don't have time to play, Skeletor," he said. He spun Roton like a toy top.

"Skeletor can't beat He-Man," Stinkor said. "But my stink-ray will get him."

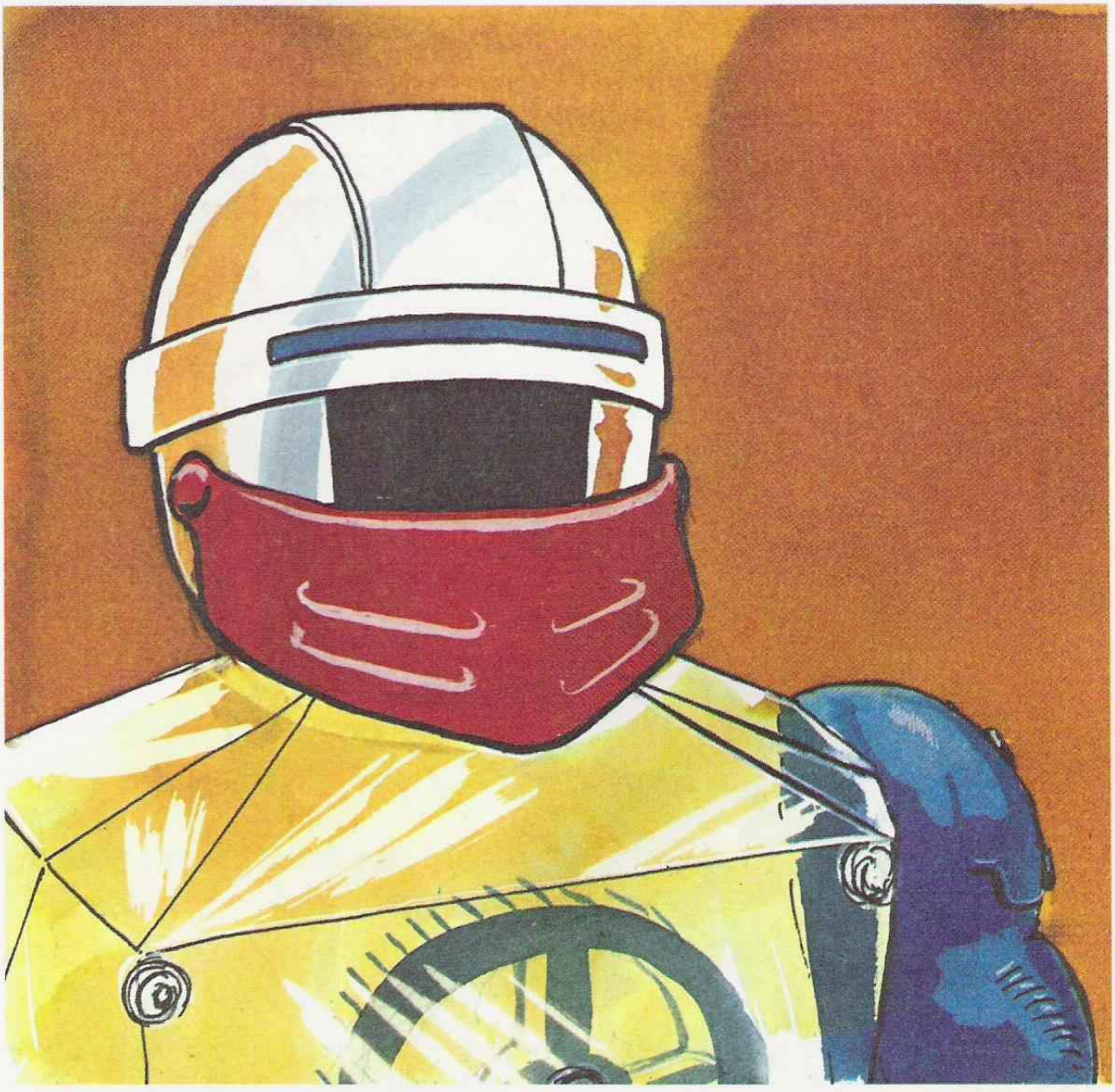
High in the air, Sy-Klone saw the fight and landed.

"I must act quickly!" Sy-Klone said.

Sy-Klone spun like a tornado. He blew the smell away from He-Man. The odor went instead toward Skeletor.

"Get away from me!" Skeletor cried.

"But I don't smell anything," Stinkor said.



Roboto moved quickly. He took back the missing key.

"Here you go, He-Man," he said.

"Good work, Roboto," He-Man said.

"And thanks for the fresh air, Sy-Klone."

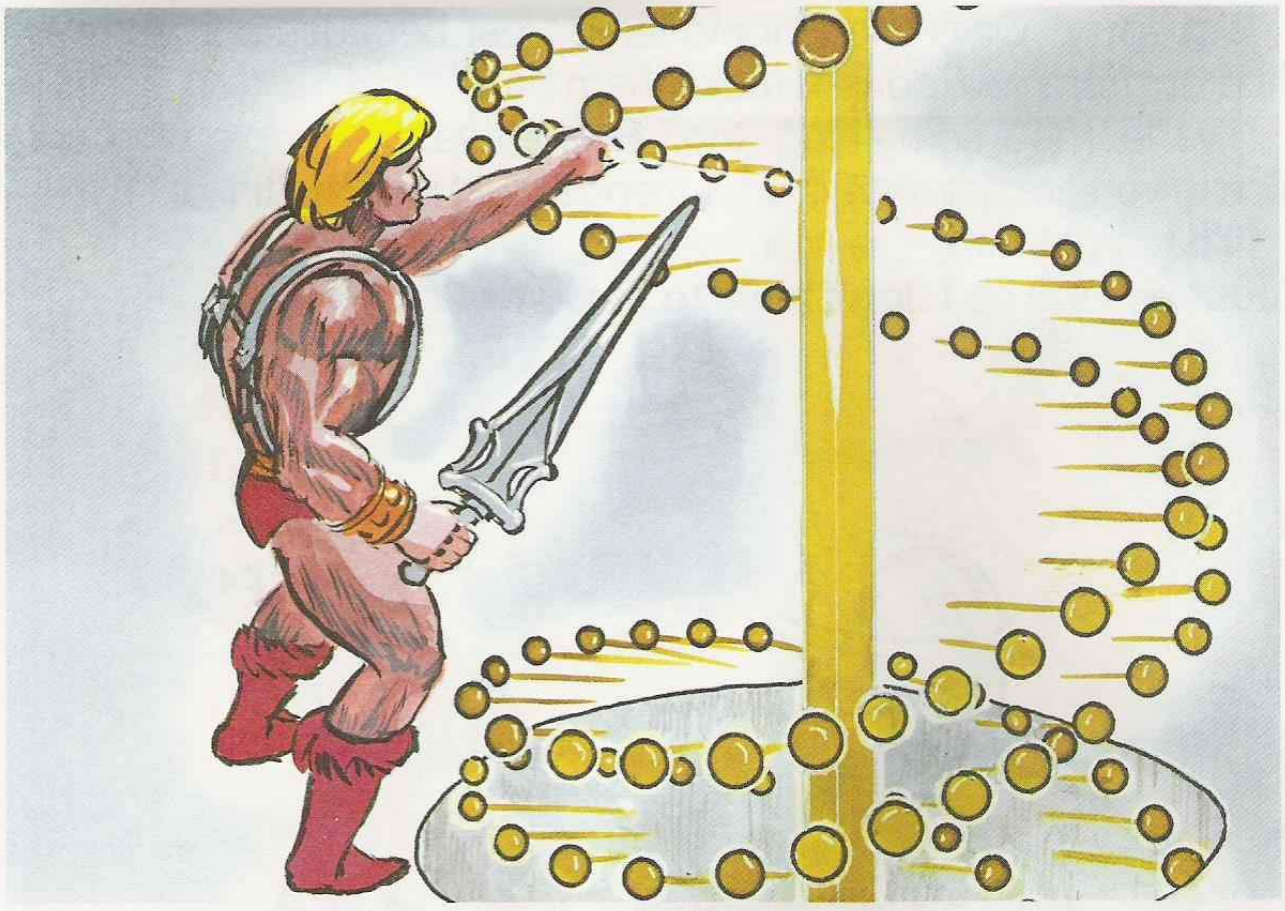
"You are welcome, He-Man," Sy-Klone said. "The only thing strong about Stinkor is his smell."

"You win for now, He-Man," Skeletor said. ***"But I'll be back."***

Roton roared away.

"Don't you have to go somewhere?" He-Man asked Stinkor. The black and white beast ran away as fast as he could.

"Hurry!" Roboto said. "My computer shows we must put the key back soon."



Inside the volcano, He-Man put the key back in the spiral.

"Thank you, He-Man," the robots said. "You really have the power. You really are a hero."

"We are lucky Skeletor didn't get the knowledge you gathered," He-Man said.

"I may be the most powerful man in the universe, but knowledge is the greatest power there is."

"I'm sorry," Orko told Roboto later. "Just because someone is different from you, doesn't make them bad."

"I've learned something, too," Roboto said. "People who act nice to you are not always your friends. Just look at Stinkor."

"I'll look at him," He-Man said.

"Just as long as I don't have to smell him."

Roboto began to wave his hands.

"My computer has been studying magic," he said. "What do you think of this trick?"

A brand new spell book for Orko appeared.

"Wow!" Orko said. "How did you do that?"

"Orko, you know I can't tell," Roboto said. "A real magician never tells how he does his tricks."

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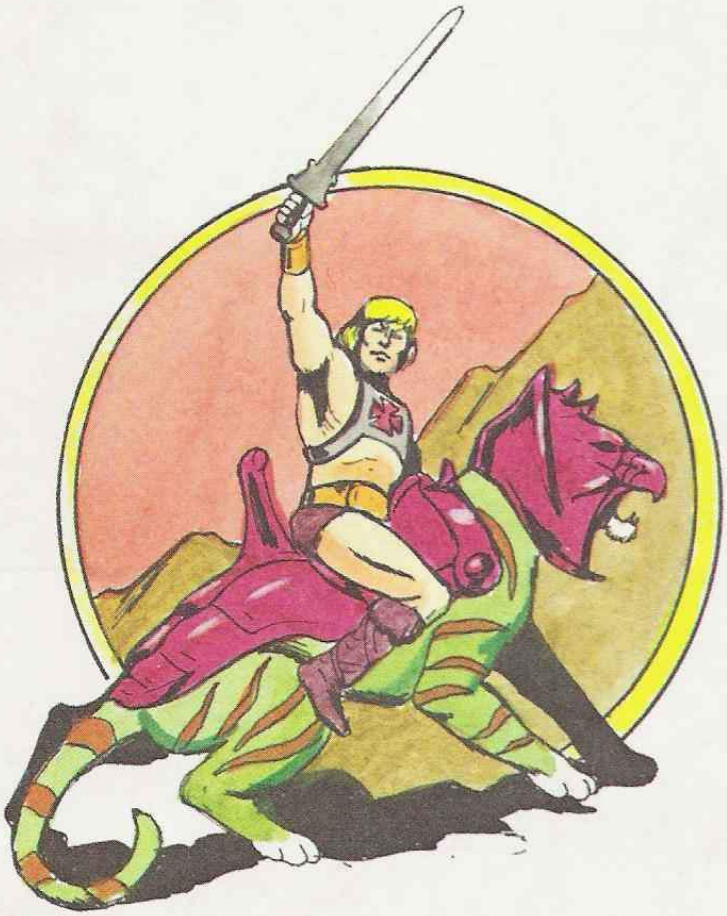

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